

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as follows:

Please amend paragraphs [0003-0005] to read as follows:

-- [0003] The application Cryptoheaven (see the <http://www.cryptoheaven.com> website) is a Java application (applet/Java plug-in). Similarly to MS Explorer, the display is divided, on the left, into a directory tree (incl. the local computer) and a contact list. Settings can be made via the right mouse button/popup. A proprietary protocol via port 82 is used. Data compression is used. Files are signed and encrypted. Files can also be uploaded from the local file system using drag and drop (DnD). The sequence control substantially corresponds to that of MS Explorer. The encryption is done locally on the client computer. Directories can be created, deleted and renamed. Access to directories is enabled for "invited users". The invitation is made via e-mail by users who have subscribed to the system. The invited must give his/her consent. Authentication is via user ID and password. The system is available for the operating systems Windows/Unix and Linux.

[0004] Another typical application exists in bvPREMIERE, bvPRO, bvPLUS+ and big VAULT Enterprise (see the <http://www.bigvault.com> website). The applications are specifically for Windows and allow a drive to be mapped (created) in MS Explorer, which is controlled via the WEB. The transmission protocol for uploading and downloading files is html over an SSL connection. File encryption is done on the server. Access to directories and files is enabled using a visitor password. There is an in-tray for authorized users. It is possible to log in as a user or visitor. Passwords with a limited validity period are set up in the same manner as has been done, for example, in UNIX for many years.

Please amend paragraph [0010] to read as follows:

Please amend paragraph [0014] to read as follows:

Please amend paragraph [0016] to read as follows:

-- [0016] Figure 3 illustrates the locker system. The main locker (1) (main folder and special file) contains further lockers which are set up by the operator and distinguished by function. These lockers include, inter alia, personal lockers (2), provisioning lockers (3), receiving lockers (4), and public lockers (5) for the users. The locker type is specified in the associated special file. --